

Gainesville Freedom School
SCOPE OF SERVICES

Agency/Organization: University of Florida College of Education Collaborative for Equity in Education

Program: Children’s Defense Fund Freedom School

Activities: Implementation of the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools, a six-week summer reading program that aims to motivate low-income and racially minoritized children to fall in love with reading. CDF Freedom schools focus on addressing summer slide, where children fall behind academically because their families and/or community lack the resources to engage them in high quality summer programs. Freedom Schools also emphasize how scholars (students) can make a difference in themselves, their families, schools, community, the country and world. Specific program activities include:

- Integrated Reading Curriculum (3 hours/day)
- Weekly field trips
- Weekly parent meetings/workshops
- Extracurricular activities (e.g., music, dance, sports, arts, etc.)
- STEM development
- Weekly programming at the intersection of arts, culture, entrepreneurship, education, and wellness
- Teacher candidate and teacher professional development

Program/Project Staff:

Chonika Coleman-King, Ph.D., Executive Director
Taryn T.C. Brown, Ph.D., Project Director
Site Coordinator, TBD
5 Servant Leader Interns, TBD

Volunteers:

Michael Scofield, Ph.D. Student, University of Florida
Jalea Turner, Ph.D. Student, University of Florida
Kenesma John, Ph.D. Student, University of Florida
Sarah Louis, Undergraduate Student, University of Florida

Target Population: Target audience is low-income, public school children, who otherwise may not have access to books and educational enhancement programs during the summer, particularly African-American and Latino children from at-risk communities.

Outreach and Communication Strategies: (Tentative)

October 2021	Finalize CDF intake process and initiate Director training with
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	Freedom Schools. (Receive formal branding and marketing guidelines through training to launch recruitment)
November 2021	Develop Branding/Recruitment Materials for Freedom School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Leader Intern Recruitment (SLI) ● Site Coordinator Recruitment ● Summer 2022 Program Recruitment Develop FS Website, Social Media Brand Creation Organize Registration Processes and Systems
December 2021	Interview and Hire Site Coordinator for Summer 2022
January 2022- May 2022	Host Virtual Informational Sessions (SLIs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interview and Hire SLIs Initiate Summer 2022 Freedom School Recruitment/ Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Media Campaign ● Fliers ● Virtual and In-Person Informational
Summer 2022	Launch Freedom School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Utilize all platforms for communications

Number of individuals served: 40 scholars (K-8)

Service Time: Summer 2022 (June-July)

Location(s): *To Be Determined*

Performance Measures: A multiyear assessment of CDF Freedom Schools is initiated annually. This measure has shown that the program has a statistically significant, positive effect on children’s reading skills, attitudes toward learning, and belief in themselves and in their ability to make a difference in the world around them.

Collaboration:

The College of Education’s Collaborative for Educational Equity will work to identify a local agency that helps support the development of children to partner with our center to provide service for the Gainesville Freedom School. Through this partnership we will collaboratively plan for and provide the necessary materials for the Freedom School, including, but not limited to classroom materials, guest speakers and readers, extracurricular activity facilitators. This partnership will also provide support for additional activities and programs (e.g., 4-H programs, campus-based learning opportunities). We will also partner with the Black Parent Support Network of Gainesville. BPSN is a community of Black parents, educators, and youth and their allies. Their goal is to support each other, share resources for learning and living, and advocate for children and families. This partnership will assist in Freedom School recruitment and the

support and facilitation of the weekly parent meetings. We will also work with the Cade Museum of Creativity whose aim is to transform communities by inspiring and equipping future inventors, entrepreneurs, and visionaries.